



WAUKESHA COUNTY

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, February 24th, 2021

Waukesha County Administrative Building

In Attendance:

Lieutenant Chadwick Niles; Chairman Traffic Safety Coordinator, Waukesha County Sheriff Representative

Mr. Rick Olig; Law Enforcement Liaison Wisconsin Department of Transportation (BOTS)

Sergeant Peter Lynkiewicz; City of Muskego Police Department Representative

Deputy Jennifer Zimmerman; Waukesha County Sheriff Representative

Mr. Bruce Barnes; Waukesha County Traffic Engineer

Sergeant Lamar Brooks; Village of Menomonee Falls Representative

Sergeant Steve Bagin; Village of Menomonee Falls Representative

Supervisor Darlene Johnson; Waukesha County Board

Supervisor Christine Mommaerts; Waukesha County Board

Mr. Derrin Wolford; Signals Operations Engineer, Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Ms. Kathy Roe; Education Representative

Sergeant Adam Nelson; Village of Chenequa Representative

Sergeant Matthew Noah; Wisconsin State Patrol Representative

Trooper Tigran Grigoryev; Wisconsin State Patrol Representative

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Traffic Safety Commission Chairman, Lieutenant Chadwick Niles at 1:02 pm at the Waukesha County Administrative Building. Introductions were made of those in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Everyone in attendance reviewed the minutes from the November 11th, 2020 meeting. Sergeant Lynkiewicz made a motion to approve the minutes. Sergeant Bagin seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS

There is now signage out on eastbound I-94 west of County Highway T in Pewaukee to warn drivers the surface is slippery when wet. The Department of Transportation is planning to re-surface that area of interstate in 2024. Once that is redone it will be with a high surface friction treatment, that should last for ten years.

Waukesha County Sheriff's Department did work traffic grants in January 2021. Click It or Ticket Traffic Grant. 6 days, 68 citations and 22 warning were issued. Muskego Police Department and Wisconsin State Patrol did participate in the deployment as well.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS

None.

BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

Mr. Rick Olig reviewed year to date crash data. Waukesha County has had 17 fatal crashes and 599 fatal crashes have occurred statewide in 2020. 42 fatal crashes have occurred in 2021.

99.3% of law enforcement agencies are properly mapping crashes. 5,779 crashes were reported in Waukesha County in 2020.

Mr. Olig reviewed the areas of the county's recent fatal crashes and shared crash history of those areas.

Predictive analytics was shared for the top 5 high crash probability locations based on the previous three years' worth of crash data.

Traffic Grants for 2021 have been scheduled. Click or Ticket will be May 24th – June 6th, 2021. Drive Sober will be August 20th – September 2021 and December 17th, 2021 – January 1st 2022.

Governor's Conference is scheduled for August 17th – 19th 2021. The conference will be held virtually.

Updates have been made to the Zero in Wisconsin website. www.ZeroInWisconsin.gov

HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS

- **Lieutenant Niles reported that the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department had the following fatal:**

- **11-14-21 @ 11:42 pm**
- **Interstate 94/Village of Summit**

19-year-old male was travelling westbound on Interstate 94 crashed into the back of a semi-trailer that was parked on the side of the road with its hazards on. The 19-year-old female front seat passenger died on the scene; she was not wearing her seat belt. The driver of the car admitted to smoking marijuana before driving and marijuana was also located in the vehicle. Both drivers were cooperative and consented to a blood draw. The drug panel results are pending. Criminal charges have been filed.

- **Lieutenant Niles reported that the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department had the following fatal:**

- **12-24-20 at 5:30 am**
- **Interstate 94/City of Pewaukee**

27-year-old male was travelling westbound on Interstate 94 when he lost control of his vehicle, hit and bounced off the median wall, spun out and came to a rest in the middle of the freeway, he was then hit by another vehicle, and died at the scene. The Medical Examiner's Office has ruled that he was outside of his vehicle at the time of impact due to his injuries. The driver of the striking vehicle was believed to be under the influence of marijuana and has a suspended driver's license. Wisconsin State Patrol is handling the crash reconstruction.

- **Lieutenant Niles reported that the Waukesha Police Department had the following fatal:**

- **12-24-20 at 7:56 pm**
- **Atlantic Drive/Waukesha**

A 57-year old man turned onto Atlantic Drive at a high rate of speed when he lost control, struck a parked car on the opposite side of the street causing the vehicle to roll over. Air bags did not deploy, the driver was trapped and needed to be extricated out of the vehicle. He was not wearing his seat belt and alcohol has been deemed a factor. The driver died at the hospital two days after the crash.

➤ **Sergeant Bagin reported that the Menomonee Falls Police Department had the following fatal:**

- **1-29-21 @**
- **Interstate 41/Village of Menomonee Falls**

49-year-old male was travelling southbound on Interstate 41 driving recklessly and at a high rate of speed in the distress lane, when he hit a snowbank causing him to ride the median wall, hitting a light pole. The vehicle came to a rest at an unstable position on its side and was leaking a lot of gasoline making it difficult for first responders. The driver's legs were pinned and died at the scene of the crash. The vehicle was a 1994 model and did not have airbags. The toxicology report is still pending however alcohol has been deemed a factor. This part of the interstate does have issues with vehicles speeding.

NEW BUSINESS

Look into getting more data on motorcycle crashes and what percentage of motorcycle riders have their endorsement on their license.

2021 MEETING SCHEDULED

The 2021 Waukesha County Traffic Safety Commission meetings are scheduled for May 12, August 11, and November 10.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Kathy Roe and Sergeant Lynkiewicz seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion was passed to adjourn the meeting.

Traffic Safety Commission Chairman, Lieutenant Chadwick Niles adjourned the meeting at 2:42 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12th, 2021 at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bobbi Jo Hinkley, TSC Assistant
Waukesha County Sheriff's Department